As was the case in the passing of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, very little public debate has occurred in respect to this extremely important issue. Commercial media has no interest in publicizing an issue that could limit its profitability. Deregulation in radio has led to market concentration that has negatively impacted diversity in news information and local access. More deregulation will further damage the health and vitality of this democracy. Do we really want a small group of corporations, who are not in the business of public interest, to control huge chunks of the media terrain? Chairman Powell: What's the rush???

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